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November 15, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 November 15, 2016

LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FLOOD  
INSURANCE STUDY AND FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 11.60 of Title 11 - Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, to adopt the areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Flood Insurance Study for the County of Los Angeles, California and Incorporated Areas, dated September 26, 2008, the corresponding Flood Insurance Rate Maps and all subsequent amendments and/or revisions thereto.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and the record of the project.
2. Approve for introduction an ordinance amending Chapter 11.60 of Title 11 - Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, to adopt the areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Flood Insurance Study for the County of Los Angeles, California and Incorporated Areas, dated September 26, 2008, the corresponding Flood Insurance Rate Maps and all subsequent amendments and/or revisions thereto.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The County of Los Angeles has been a participant in the NFIP since 1980, which enables the County to obtain Federal assistance and makes flood insurance through the NFIP available for property owners in the County unincorporated areas.

As a condition of the County's participation in the NFIP, FEMA requires that the County adopt the areas of special flood hazard identified by FEMA in FEMA's Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the County's unincorporated areas, and all subsequent amendments and revisions thereto. On June 2, 1998, the Board passed a resolution adopting the areas of special flood hazard identified by FEMA. However, FEMA is now requiring the County to incorporate the areas of special flood hazard into the Los Angeles County Code.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1). Adoption of FEMA's Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps benefits fiscal sustainability as it enables the County's continued participation in the NFIP, qualifying the County for Federal assistance and making flood insurance available for property owners.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. NFIP activities are included in the Flood Fund Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The areas of special flood hazard represent areas that would become flooded during a 1 percent annual chance flood, also known as the 100-year flood. The County utilizes the areas of special flood hazard identified by FEMA in connection with the County's enforcement of regulations that restrict construction and other development within floodplains, such as Section 110.1 of Title 26 (Building Code) and Section 21.44.320 of Title 21 (Subdivision Code) to minimize flood damage as a result of a 100-year flood.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed ordinance is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no adverse impact on any other current services and/or projects as a result of this action.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office